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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4351

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: ESTABLISHMENT OF A US LIAISON OFFICE  
IN WINDHOEK

REF: STATE 190076

1. WE AGREE WITH THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING ON THE SPOT LIAISON  
WITH THE UNSR AND HIS STAFF IN NAMIBIA. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
THE FIVE HAVE NOT ENDED WITH SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE  
NAMIBIA PROPOSAL; MANY DIFFICULT PERIODS STILL LIE AHEAD.

2. TO ALLOW TIME FOR ALL CONCERNED TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO OUR  
PRESENCE AND TO THE FACT THAT THE INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED  
TRANSITION IS BEGINNING, WE SHOULD PROCEED IN A LOW-PROFILE  
MANNER FROM THE OUTSET. THE DEPARTMENT HAS POINTED OUT IN  
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PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL SOME OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED.

3. AS PARA 3 REFTEL INDICATES, WE WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE  
SOUTH AFRICANS ON MANY MATTERS. WITH THIS IN MIND, THE DEPT  
MAY WANT TO CONSIDER ASSIGNING THE TDY PERSONNEL TO EMBASSY  
PRETORIA FOR DETAIL TO NAMIBIA. THE PERSONNEL COULD, IN THAT  
CASE, BE ISSUED SOUTH AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC I.E. CARDS. THIS WOULD

AFFORD THEM OFFICIAL SAG RECOGNITION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND PERMIT US TO BYPASS THE QUESTION OF THEIR STATUS IN NAMIBIA, AT LEAST IN THE EARLY STAGES.

4. PURSUANT TO REFTTEL, WE ARE SENDING TWO OFFICERS TO WINDHOEK TODAY, JULY 28. GSO JOHN GRAHAM WILL ARRIVE AT 1950 LOCAL. POL COUNSELOR JAY TAYLOR, WHO IS CLOSELY FAMILIAR WITH WINDHOEK AND HAS A WIDE RANGE OF ESTABLISHED CONTACTS THERE, WILL BE WITH GRAHAM FOR THREE DAYS, RETURNING TO PRETORIA TUESDAY, AUGUST 1. ADMIN COUNSELOR NORMAN BARTH WILL AT THAT TIME JOIN GRAHAM. CONSIDER IT PREFERABLE TO LIMIT OUR PRESENCE TO TWO OFFICERS FOR THE MOMENT. THEY MAY BE REACHED AT THE KALAHARI SANDS HOTEL (PHONE 061-25-511).

5. AS FIRST STEP, GRAHAM WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE US THE AVAILABILITY AT ANY TIME OF TWO 2-ROOM HOTEL SUITES UNTIL DETERMINATIONS ARE MADE ON LONGER-TERM ACCOMMODATIONS.

6. WE ANTICIPATE THERE WILL BE NEED FOR RAPID DECISIONS ON A NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. ON OCCASION GRAHAM WILL LIKELY BE PHONING THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY TO CONSULT AND SEEK AUTHORITY TO ACT. WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF DEPT OFFICERS TO CONTACT FOR THIS PURPOSE.

7. SINCE FOREGOING DRAFTED, WE HAVE HAD BRIEF MEETING OF PRETORIA FIVE AT WHICH BRITISH AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS RAISED CONFIDENTIAL

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QUESTION OF WHAT WE MIGHT DO SINGLY OR COLLECTIVELY TO ASSURE OURSELVES OF NEEDED OFFICE SPACE FOR OFFICERS VISITING OR DETAILED TO WINDHOEK. BOTH THOUGHT IT PREMATURE TO SEEK UN VISAS OR ACCREDITATION, GIVEN ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES CLEARLY HELD BY ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, AND FELT IT FAR PREFERABLE TO HAVE ANY PERSONNEL DETAILED TDY FROM PRETORIA. (I SUGGESTED THAT UNSR AND AG MIGHT EVENTUALLY WORK OUT SPECIAL MUTUALLY AGREED PROCEDURES FOR ACCREDITING FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES EXCLUSIVELY TO NAMIBIA.) BOTH ALSO FELT FIVE SHOULD AVOID A PRESENCE SO NOTICEABLE AS TO ATTRACT APPEALS TO TAKE SIDES IN VARIOUS DISPUTES THAT MIGHT ARISE.

8. BRITISH AMBASSADOR SCOTT TENTATIVELY VENTURED IDEA OF A COMMON OFFICE FACILITY, GIVEN PRESENT SHORTAGE OF SPACE, AND GERMAN AMBASSADOR EICK SAID THAT FRG OWNED HOUSE OF FORMER GERMAN CONSUL MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE USED. HE ALSO THOUGHT WE COULD COUNT ON HELP FROM SOME GERMAN BUSINESSMEN IF WE HAD REAL EMERGENCY NEEDS. I MENTIONED THAT WE WERE QUIETLY EXPLORING SPACE PROBLEM BUT HAD NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENTS, COMMENTING THAT WE WOULD NEED A LIAISON OFFICER ON HAND IF WE PROVIDED UNSR WITH TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE HE HAD REQUESTED.

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